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THE NEGOTIATORS MAY REACH AGREEMENT ON TREATY PRINCIPLES TOMORROW, THE LAST DAY IN THE CURRENT NEGOTIATING ROUND. US NEGOTIATORS ELLSWORTH BUNKER AND SOL LINOWITZ HAVE BEEN IN PANAMA CITY SINCE SUNDAY MEETING WITH THEIR PANAMANIAN COUNTERPARTS.

ACCORDING TO A US EMBASSY SPIKESMAN, SUCH AN
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AGREEMENT WOULD BE A MAJOR MILESTONE IN THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS, SINCE IT WOULD INDICATE THAT THE TWO NATIONS HAD RESOLVED MAJOR DIFFERENCES IN KEY POINTS OF THE TREATY. IT WOULD BE ANOTHER IN A SERIES OF STEPS NEEDED BEFORE THE TREATY COULD GO INTO EFFECT.

AFTER COMPLETION OF THE DRAFT TREATY, IT MUST BE

APPROVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS AND SIGNED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS. FOLLOWING THAT, IT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE US SIDE FOR RATIFICATION BY THE SENATE. LATER, VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE TREATY WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ENABLING LEGISLATION.

UNTIL THE TREATY GOES INTO EFFECT AT THE END OF THIS PROCESS OF APPROVALS AND RATIFICATION, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF THE CANAL ZONE AND ITS RESIDENTS, THE EMBASSY SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED. UNQUOTE.

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